

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**August 30, 2004**

**IN RE:**

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE  
AMENDMENT TO THE  
INTERCONNECTION, RESALE AND  
COLLOCATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC.  
AND CITYNET TENNESSEE, LLC**

**DOCKET NO.  
04-00187**

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**ORDER APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE  
INTERCONNECTION, RESALE AND COLLOCATION AGREEMENT**

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This matter came before Chairman Pat Miller, Director Deborah Taylor Tate and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 9, 2004, to consider, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252, the Petition for approval of the first amendment to the interconnection, resale and collocation agreement negotiated between United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. and Citynet Tennessee, LLC.

The original interconnection, resale and collocation agreement between these parties was filed on April 13, 2004, and was assigned Docket No. 04-00107. It was approved at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference on May 24, 2004. The first amendment, which is the subject of this docket, was filed on June 25, 2004.

Based upon a review of the amendment, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252, the Directors unanimously granted the Petition and made the following findings and conclusions:

1) The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104.

2) The amendment is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the service area of United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.

3) The amendment is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto.

4) 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A) provides that a state commission may reject a negotiated agreement only if it “discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement” or if the implementation of the agreement “is not consistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity.” Unlike arbitrated agreements, a state commission may not reject a negotiated agreement on the grounds that the agreement fails to meet the requirements of 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 or 252(d).<sup>1</sup> Thus, although the Authority finds that neither ground for rejection of a negotiated agreement exists, this finding should not be construed to mean that the amendment is consistent with §§ 251 or 252(d) or, for that matter, previous Authority decisions.

5) No person or entity has sought to intervene in this docket.

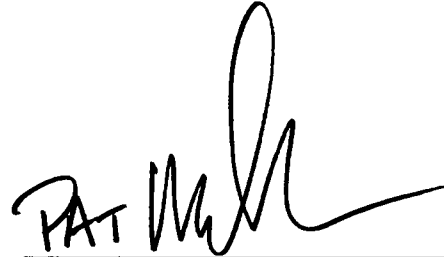
6) The amendment is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(B)

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The Petition is granted, and the first amendment to the interconnection, resale and collocation agreement negotiated between United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. and Citynet Tennessee, LLC is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.

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Pat Miller, Chairman

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Deborah Taylor Tate, Director

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Sara Kyle, Director